

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Brian France  
CEO & Chairman  
NASCAR  
1801 W. International Speedway Blvd.  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Dear Mr. France:

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate NASCAR as the fastest growing spectator sport in the United States. You and your family have created more than just a sport, but in fact a new American tradition.

But with great distinction, comes great responsibility. Our nation's dependence on foreign sources of oil is a dark cloud looming on our horizon. As you may know, this year marks the first season that the Indy Racing League will power all of its racecars with 100 percent ethanol, a true success story for renewable energy and America's sports industry. We believe that respected American traditions, such as NASCAR and the Indy Racing League, have a responsibility to lead by example and help cut our ties to foreign sources of oil and embrace alternative renewable resources that are produced here at home. To this end, we ask that NASCAR consider converting its race car fleet to run on 100 percent American-produced ethanol, as well as start a long term commitment to promote clean, renewable homegrown fuels.

NASCAR exudes the American spirit. The fuel that NASCAR runs on should have the same characteristic. We ask you to join in our effort to strengthen America for future generations to enjoy the freedoms we hold dear. Thank you in advance for considering this challenge.



JOHN THUNE  
United States Senator

Sincerely,



EVAN BAYH  
United States Senator